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We would like to submit the attached photo and comments as new food truck regulations are crafted.

We are a local small business that has worked hard over the past six years to grow our business from our first full service restaurant to multiple locations including our fast format Cava Grill. While we appreciate the entrepreneurial spirit of the food truck community, we feel there needs to be a fair and level playing field with bricks and mortar restaurants who pay rent, property taxes (through triple net leases) and sales tax to the city.

The attached photo shows a food truck that frequently sits in front of our Columbia Heights location on 14th St. I know the CBD area has been a focus of the new regulations, but we feel that trucks sitting within close proximity (let alone directly in front) to bricks and mortar restaurants needs to be addressed. There are plenty of viable locations not inhabited by restaurant storefronts where these trucks can locate. We pay high rent for prime location and these trucks are just front running and siphoning off business. It would be akin to me standing in front of their truck window, handing out menus and guiding people into our business. It is just not an equitable proposition.

We respectfully ask that new regulations are enacted, prohibiting these trucks from parking within a reasonable proximity of a bricks and mortar restaurant storefront.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,

Brett Schulman